

Former Defense Distribution Center Ogden, Utah Holds Final Restoration Advisory Board Meeting



New home of the Ogden Business Park staff involved with the development and reuse of the former Ogden Depot property.

The former Defense Distribution Center Ogden, Utah (DDOU) held its final Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on Tuesday July 23, 2002. Established in January 1996, the Ogden RAB, consisting of 20 representatives from the former DDOU, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Utah Department of Quality, Ogden Local Redevelopment Authority, State Congressmen, Weber County Commission, Weber Morgan Health District, Ogden Nature Center and community citizens met quarterly for the past seven years.

“Ogden’s reuse and economic growth has been very successful for the Community,” said Col David Dinning, USAF, Defense Distribution Depot Hill, Utah (DDHU) Commander. “However, it couldn’t happen without the teamwork and cooperation from the Ogden RAB. Meeting quarterly for the past seven years shows commitment and respect for each other. Everyone worked together to achieve one final goal — which was to promote reuse while ensuring our community was safe from any potential environmental hazards. Today we met that goal.”

The Department of Defense (DoD) understands the importance of public participation in decisions related to environmental matters. To ensure community involvement in installation restoration programs, DoD created RABs. These RABs serve the purpose of providing citizen input into DoD’s cleanup approach.

RABs provide a forum for installations and their surrounding communities to exchange information regarding the progress of cleanup activities. During the restoration process, decisions are made between the installation and the regulators based on compliance with environmental laws, regulations and guidance. It is essential that the communities potentially impacted by these decisions have a clear understanding as to how and why these decisions are made.



RAB members discussion the dissolution of the RAB.

Community feedback is important for the installations so that questions can be answered and everyone’s concerns considered during the decision-making process. Once an installation’s restoration program reaches a point where all the remediation decisions have been made and all the remediation systems are in place, RABs can come to an end.

DDOU was officially closed in September 1997. A preliminary assessment of DDOU identified 107 sites, which required investigation and or further remediations before they could be declared environmentally safe and no further threat to health. To date, all 107 sites have now been cleaned up, with two groundwater pump and treatments systems in place that were determined by EPA to be operating properly and successfully. With long-term monitoring and land use controls in place, the former DDOU transferred the remaining property consisting of approximately 240 acres over to the Ogden Local Redevelopment Authority in November 2002.



Former Ogden Depot property being developed for new business.